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MEMORANDUM FOR: Office of Current Intelligence,
Administrative Branch

SUBJECT : Request for Outside Publication
Approval

1. I understand that [] wants an opinion on whether his manuscript, drawn largely verbatim from his [] NIS contribution, can be approved for outside commercial publication in an uncopyrighted edition.

2. I see a number of objections to this proposal, which has to be considered not only on its merits but as establishing a precedent governing future instances. The NIS is national intelligence. As such, it is reviewed by agencies other than CIA and reflects community-agreed analysis and interpretation. Thus, it is subject to dissemination and release regulations which transcend the independent releasing authority of the Agency. I would not like to query these other agencies about unclassified release unless some significant government purpose were to be served.

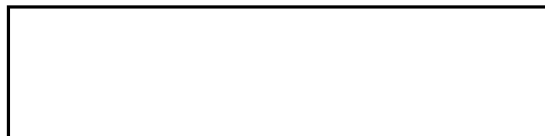
3. Multiple authorship is characteristic of the NIS sections, usually involving one or more analysts, several reviews and editings within the producing office, OBGI review, and comments from other agencies. Although the [] NIS may not present major problems on this score, they are certain to arise if we embark on the course of approving commercial publication of NIS sections.

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4. I also have some reservations about the propriety of releasing some NIS publications, particularly those which deal with currently active political personalities and governments.

5. Lastly, I would note that NIS drafts are assigned tasks done entirely on government time, with none of the private input which usually characterizes manuscripts approved for outside publication.

6. For these reasons, I cannot approve this manuscript for outside publication even in non-copyrighted form.



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